GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2419
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO BIHAR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by the Union Government to the Bihar Government for various schemes during the last two years;

(b) whether the said amount has been utilized by the Bihar Government; and

(c) if not, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (c): Central assistance for State Plansallocated by Planning Commission is released tothe States in the shape of block loans and block grants The releases are made in monthly instalment subject to adjustment on the basis of expenditure figures furnished by the State Governments. However, State Governments are accountable to their StateLegislatures for proper utilisation of funds. Audit reports are also prepared by the CAG of India. A statement indicating allocation and release ofplan assistance by the Ministry of Finance to the Government of Bihar during the last two years (1997-98 and 1998-99) is annexed (Annexure).

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha UnstarredQuestion No. 2419 for answer on 10.03.2000 regarding allocation of funds to Bihar

Allocation and Release of Plan Assistance to Bihar

(Rs. in crore)

Items	1997-98		1998-99	
	Allocated	Released	Allocated	Released
(i) Normal Central Assistance	1100.82	835.79	1191.76	1309.55
(ii) Addl. Central Assistance for Basic Minimum Services & Slum Development	388.52	382.25	407.57	407.57
(iii) Addl. Central Assistance for Externally Aided Projects(EAPs.)	238.67	132.26	236.14	112.78
(iv) Central Loan Assistance for	50.00	14.04	60.00	47.82

Accelerated Irrigation Benefit programme(AIBP)		
(v) Assistance for infrastructure affected by floods	75.00	75.00

Includes arrears for 1997-98.